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*Non-responsive Amendment*

1. The reply filed on August 7, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

the amendment filed August 7, 2002 contains a marked-up copy of the claims that does not correspond to the claims that are to be amended. For example, in claim 14, lines 9-12 of the marked up copy do not correspond to any lines of claim 14 from the Jan. 7, 2002 amendment (the most recently pending claim 14), yet these lines are not underlined. Similarly, the marked up copy of claim 24 does not correspond to claim 24 as provided by the Jan. 7, 2002 amendment. As a result, the amendment is not fully responsive (see 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), and MPEP 714.02, 714.03).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katherine A. Bareford whose telephone number is (703) 308-0078. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(7:00-4:30) with the First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shrive P. Beck can be reached on (703) 308-2333. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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